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WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE UNITED STATES IS DRAFTING THE LANGUAGE OF A FINAL AGREEMENT WITH IRAN FOR RELEASE OF THE 52 AMERICAN HOSTAGES, AND THE U.S. TERMS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN TEHRAN SATURDAY, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JODY POWELL SAID FRIDAY.

ABC-TV QUOTED WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL LLOYD CUTLER AS SAYING THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN HAD REACHED ''FULL AGREEMENT'' ON A HOSTAGE RELEASE, AND THAT THE ONLY REMAINING OBSTACLE WAS ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.

IN ANSWER TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS, POWELL DENIED A FINAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE A SETTLEMENT ONLY IF IRAN ACCEPTS THE FINAL U.S. DRAFT OF AN AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND IRAN THROUGH ALGERIA, THE INTERMEDIARY IN THE BARGAINING.

''ASSUMING TEHRAN DOES AGREE TO THE LANGUAGE ... AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE MADE AS EARLY AS TOMORROW,'' ABC-TV SAID IN ITS REPORT ON CUTLER'S REMARKS.

POWELL SAID, ''WE HAVE BEEN BACK AND FORTH ON THE PHONE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND ALGIERS ALL DAY.'' THE U.S. GOAL, HE SAID, WAS TO COMPLETE WRITING THE FINAL AMERICAN REPLY TO IRAN'S DEMANDS SO GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN TEHRAN COULD HAVE THE DRAFT BY SATURDAY MORNING.

EARLIER, SECRETARY OF STATE EDMUND S. MUSKIE SAID THERE WAS A ''FIGHTING CHANCE'' THE HOSTAGES MIGHT BE FREED BEFORE PRESIDENT CARTER LEAVES OFFICE NEXT TUESDAY.
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